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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I urge you to keep the internet competitive!

Sometime ago, I discovered a flyer from my present internet provider on my doorstep. It's a local provider. I should have signed up earlier, but didn't take any action until my previous provider, a corporation with offices throughout the world, proved unable to help me with my worsening internet connection.

I am so happy that I chose this local, competitive provider. They answer email. They talk to you on the phone when you call. They explain everything. They have a plan to improve their service in my area. They installed a system that just WORKS.

I recently heard of the petition submitted by the US Telecom Association to FCC. The broadband service that my local company provides is critical for myself and my spouse. We're retired. We would not be able to afford exorbitant price hikes, that would undoubtedly result from the passage of this petition. I fear that should it pass, our present company would be less competitive, and would therefore be less able to provide service to all of us that have signed on.

I should mention that we started our service with competitive DSL, but we anticipate upgrading to fiber, as it is becoming available in our specific area.

I should also mention that we enjoy competitive telephone service through our local company as well.

Thank you for taking the time to read our story, and please take our concerns into consideration as this issue moves forward.

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